(b) if so, whether this has effected adversely repair works in the maintenance units of Indian Air Force; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Involving private sector for manufacturing components for Defence Aircrafts

5116. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited proposes to involve private sector for manufacturing components and equipments of Defence Aircrafts and Helicopters;

(b) if so, the plans made for technology transfer to the private industries in this regard; and

(c) the response received so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plans for out sourcing of tooling and aircraft components have been formulated. Private industries will be assisted by providing technical guidance to meet the quality standards required for aircraft tooling and components. Transfer of technology is also envisaged in specified areas.

(c) A number of private industries have come forward to offer their services to HAL in the areas on manufacture of components and toolings.